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Joe Glode, Michael S. Glode and E.J. Glode, Shively Hardware Company Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year 2008

Saratoga – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration has named Joe Glode, Michael S. Glode and E. J. Glode, owners of Shively Hardware Company, the Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year 2008. This award will be presented to them on May 23, 2008 at the Platte Valley Community Center in Saratoga, Wyoming. Steve Despain, District Director of the Wyoming Small Business Administration, will be presenting this prestigious award. Joe, Michael and E.J. were nominated by the Saratoga/Platte Valley Chamber of Commerce, Stacy Crimmins, Executive Director.

This award is given to individuals who own and operate or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business that demonstrates a substantiated history as an established business. Other evaluation criteria includes evidence of success as measured by sales and profits, growth in number of employees, demonstrate potential necessary for long-term business success and economic growth, and voluntary efforts to strengthen family-owned businesses within the community.

The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.

Shively Hardware Company is a family owned business in its fourth generation. It began more than 80 years ago when Edward Shively bought the business, which is still located in the original building built in 1888 in downtown Saratoga. Edward's son-in-law, John Glode, succeeded him and John's two sons, Joe and Mike, took over the business in 1977. Joe's son E.J. joined in 1998 and a new implement dealership was built north of town in 2000. Product lines include True Value, Whirlpool, Case/International Harvester, Stihl, Polaris, Snapper, Marvin Windows and Aristokraft. The business serves the communities of the Upper North Platte River Valley (Saratoga, Encampment and Riverside) as well as the region of Carbon County and southeastern Wyoming.

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